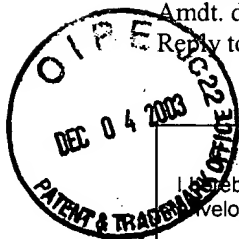


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) is filed concurrently herewith to extend the response deadline until December 2, 2003.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.